ORDINANCE NO. 2087

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A UTILITY REBATE PROGRAM FOR NEW COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the Burlingame City Council has determined a need for a commercial utility rebate program to assist in the recruitment and expansion of commercial businesses in Burlingame, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME, KANSAS:

Section 1. If a commercial business meets all of the following criteria, it shall be granted a twenty-five (25) percent reduction in the water, sewer, gas, electric, and trash utility bills for the first six bills issued to the business:

- A. Must be a new business or an existing business located in a newly constructed building. Existing businesses that change ownership are not eligible. This program is only available during the first six months of operation.
- B. Must be located inside the City Limits of Burlingame.
- C. Must be located in a Commercial zoning district.
- D. Must complete a utility agreement with the City Clerk.
- E. Must complete an application form available from City Hall.
- F. The owner is responsible for all applicable sales taxes on the utilities.

Section 2. All application must be submitted to the City Administrator for approval prior to any reductions shall be granted. If all criteria in Section 1 are met, the City Administrator may grant the utility reduction. Any application rejected, is automatically appealed to the City Council at the next available meeting. The Council may then waive any or all of the above criteria in granting a reduction in the utility bills. The Council may also extend the six months if approved by a majority of the Council.

<u>Section 3.</u> This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage by the governing body, approval by the Mayor, and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body and approved by the Mayor on this 5th day of June, 2006.

	CITY OF BURLINGAME, KANSAS
ATTEST:	William Kraus, Mayor
Christina Lewis, City Clerk (SEAL)	